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ISDA to Host WPS Train-the-Trainer Sessions in Idaho

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) announced today the schedule for upcoming Worker Protection Standard (WPS) Train-The-Trainer sessions throughout Idaho. The federal WPS rule went into effect on January 2, 2017, and requires annual pesticide safety training for agricultural workers and pesticide handlers.

Annual training must be conducted by a qualified WPS trainer or a certified pesticide applicator. Trainer certification can be achieved by attending a Train-The-Trainer session. The WPS only applies to those using pesticides for agricultural plant production. This may include farms, forests, nurseries and greenhouses.

The Train-The-Trainer sessions are approximately six hours long and will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. local time. Pre-registration is required. Registration may be requested by emailing the ISDA at wps@isda.idaho.gov. Emailed registrations must include name, phone number, desired session, and the number of people attending the training. Seating is limited.

Central Idaho

April 11, 2017	Elks Lodge	Rupert	Spanish
April 12, 2017	Best Western Burley Inn	Burley	English
April 13, 2017	CSI, HSHS Bldg., Rm# 151	Twin Falls	English

Southwest Idaho

April 18, 2017	Elks Lodge	Caldwell	Spanish
April 19, 2017	Vendome Event Center	Weiser	English
April 20, 2017	Hampton Inn	Nampa	English

Eastern Idaho

April 25, 2017	AmericInn Lodge & Suites	Rexburg	English
April 26, 2017	Shoshone Bannock Hotel	Fort Hall	Spanish
April 27, 2017	Shoshone Bannock Hotel	Fort Hall	English

Northern Idaho

April 25, 2017	Best Western Plus CdA Inn	Coeur d'Alene	English
April 27, 2017	Best Western University Inn	Moscow	English
May 4, 2017	Kootenai River Inn	Bonn timer Ferry	English

For current certified applicators, this training is not required to conduct WPS pesticide safety training, but it may give a better understanding of the new WPS. Currently qualified WPS trainers may continue conducting training through December 31, 2017. However, after January 2, 2018, certification will become void unless a person attends a Train-the-Trainer session or becomes a certified pesticide applicator.

Additional questions may be directed to Luis Urias at (208) 332-8663, Kevin Kostka at (208) 332-8608, or your nearest ISDA field office.